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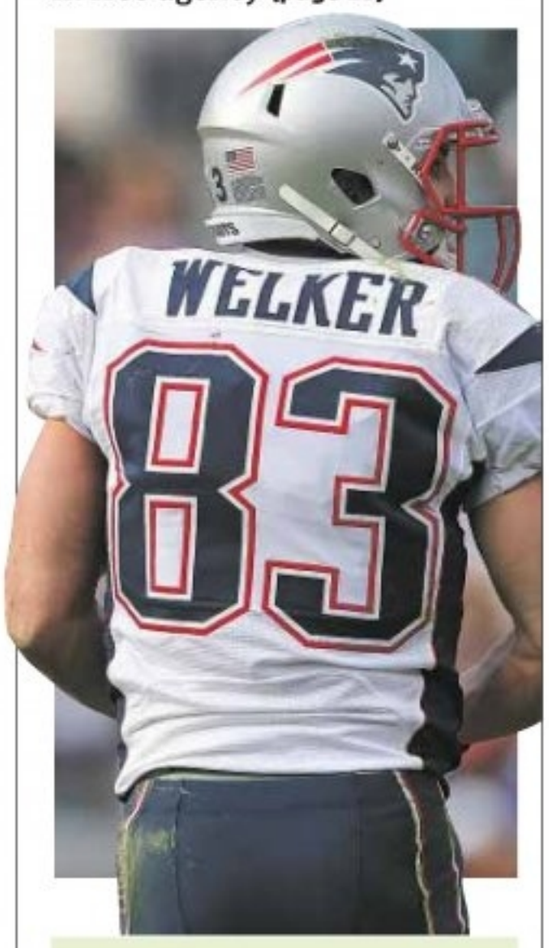


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Yesterday, opponents of the Boston Improvement District's plan to edge pushcart vendors out of Downtown Crossing collected more than 1,000 signatures in support of their cause. Petitioners said they now plan to meet with Mayor Thomas M. Menino, a vocal pushcart supporter, to try and keep the vendors in the shopping district. METRO

**Today's local tweet**

"Shout out to the guy on the train blasting the Fish McBites track on repeat through his headphones #boston #mbta @McDonalds"

@ERIC_STEINHARDT SPOTTED A TRUE FRIED FISH BALL FAN.

**In the news**

### RMV plans to shut Chinatown location

**BOSTON.** The Registry of Motor Vehicle's next major location will be located above an indoor food market in Haymarket once construction is complete on an office building next year, according to transportation officials. "It'll be the flagship," Registrar of Motor Vehicles Rachel Kaprielian told the state Department of Transportation Board on Wednesday. "It will replace the current Chinatown branch." The building that will house the new RMV offices was constructed during the Big Dig to camouflage a vent from the underground tunnels and has remained empty since then, said Highway Administrator Frank DePaola. SHNS

### Drive toll-free Friday night

**BOSTON.** Drivers passing through Mass Pike's Allston, Natick and Weston toll plazas will be treated to an hour of free tolls Friday evening, courtesy of Cumberland Farms and its SmartPay program. Cash customers must still stop at the toll plaza, and E-ZPass holders will receive a credit on their monthly statement. In 2012, MassDOT logged approximately 12,000 toll transactions at the sponsored plazas on the Friday before St. Patrick's Day. METRO

# New pope, new hopes: Boston reacts to election

Local Catholics say they hope new pope reaches out to youth, increases membership Hopes were high that O'Malley would be picked to lead the faithful O'Malley: 'The world will benefit greatly from Pope Francis'

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METROX

▶ Workers at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in the South End hung yellow bunting to honor the new pope yesterday.

More than 1.8 million Catholics in Greater Boston have a new living head of their religion, and it didn't take long for some of them to express their thoughts on what the new pope should do in his tenure.

Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio was introduced to the world as Pope Francis I yesterday. The 76-year-old from Argentina will now serve as the living head of the 1.2 billion Catholics worldwide. (For more, see page 8.)

Standing outside the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in the South End yesterday, Giovanni Tomassi said he hoped that the new pope would work on outreach.

"I want to see if he can attract more young people to the Catholic religion," said the 27-year-old from the Boston area, adding that the pope should add more programs and churches for youth.

Workers at the Cathedral hung yellow bunting on the doors to honor the new pope, and the church's bells rang. A Mass honoring Pope Francis I is scheduled to be held today at the church.

**"I want to see if he can attract more young people to the Catholic religion."** TOMASSI

**"The world will greatly benefit from Pope Francis witnessing Jesus' call for us to love God and love one another."** O'MALLEY

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**Quoted**

**"At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus commissioned St. Peter the rock upon which the church would be built. Pope Francis continues that mission in an increasingly secular culture, where many people have not come to know or have forgotten that Jesus is our savior and redeemer."** O'MALLEY

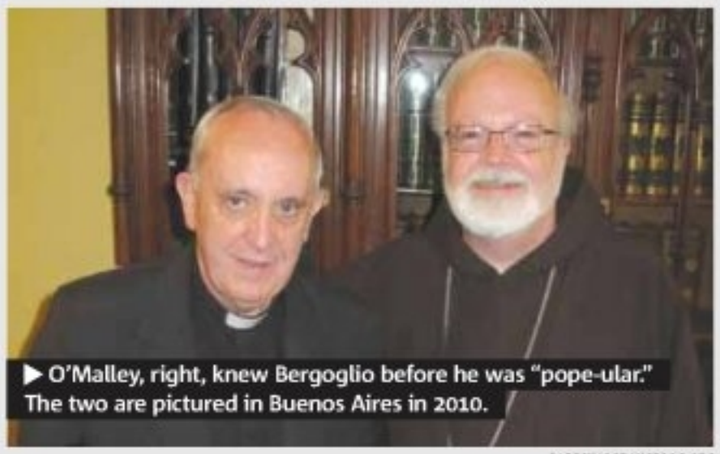
### Hub's own passed over, but Boston's not bitter

Media from as far as Rhode Island and New York City came to the church in the event that archdiocese of Boston head Cardinal Sean O'Malley was elected pope, but that wasn't the case. O'Malley was at first thought of as a long shot for pope because of his being from the United States and his being a Franciscan Capuchin. But as the conclave got under way, O'Malley's name circulated as a possible candidate.

In a statement, O'Malley said he gave thanks to God for the election of Pope Francis I.

Tomassi said he was "glued to the TV" as the white smoke came from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel. While he was rooting for O'Malley, he wasn't disappointed that someone else was elected.

"It would have been nice to see O'Malley [elected pope], but what are you going to do?" Tomassi said.



▶ O'Malley, right, knew Bergoglio before he was "pope-ular." The two are pictured in Buenos Aires in 2010.

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# Defense attorneys ask high court for help from drug lab crisis

A lawyer for the Massachusetts public defenders committee pleaded with a judge from the state's highest court yesterday to intervene in the process that he said has created a mess in the trial-court system because of the fallout from the state drug lab scandal.

Defense lawyers are asking that the state's high court decide a consistent trial-court process or come up with a solution to ease what they said is a burden on the entire system, as the drug cases of countless defendants were allegedly mishandled.

▶ Dookhan

"The burden on us, the burden on the district attorneys, the burden on the courts is overwhelming," said Randy Gioia, deputy chief of the Committee for Public Counsel Services.

Gioia made the argument during a hearing before Justice Margot Botsford. Botsford heard arguments on three cases all having to do with the fallout from the alleged misconduct by rogue state drug chemist Annie Dookhan. She is accused of mishandling the drug evidence samples of as many as 34,000 defendants. Dookhan has pleaded not guilty to multiple charges of obstruction of justice.

Botsford said she was not sure if she would refer the matter to the full Supreme Judicial Court for decision and that she needed more time to think about the issue. METRO/MN

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**In the news**

### Roxbury teen arrested in 'senseless attack' on MBTA driver

A Roxbury teen is facing charges of assault and battery for allegedly pummeling an MBTA bus driver Saturday along with about a dozen accomplices.

▶ Buses can become crime scenes.

Albert Galloway, 18 of Roxbury, was arrested yesterday in connection with what Transit Police are calling a "senseless attack" of a 52-year-old bus operator as he drove along his Dorchester route around 1:15 a.m. Saturday. The other suspects are still at large.

Galloway is charged with wrongful interference of a bus, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon — a shod foot — assault and battery and fare evasion.

Yesterday a judge imposed $15,000 cash bail and ordered that Galloway wear a GPS monitoring device, abide by a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew, and stay off the MBTA. METRO

# AG says cities, towns can't ban marijuana dispensaries

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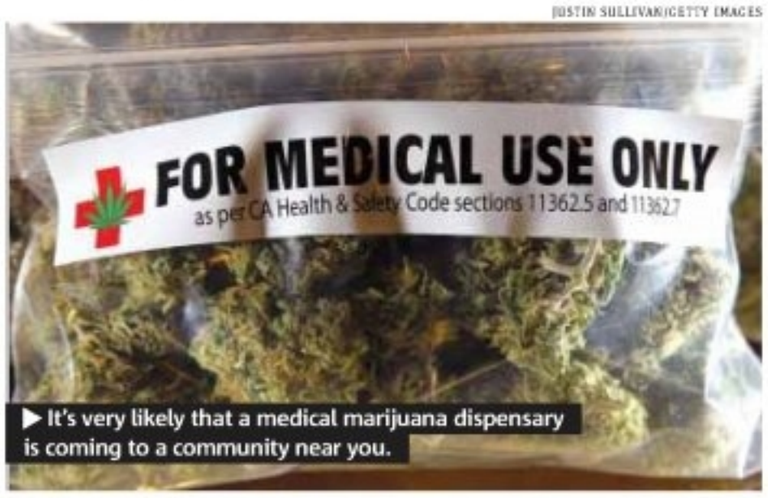


▶ It's very likely that a medical marijuana dispensary is coming to a community near you.

Cities and towns can't impose an outright ban on marijuana treatment centers — or dispensaries — from locating within the boundaries of the municipality after voters last year approved a ballot question to legalize medical marijuana in Massachusetts.

The decision released yesterday by Attorney General Martha Coakley's office was in response to a move by the town of Wakefield, which enacted a bylaw to ban the dispensaries within the town. Coakley's office said the bylaw was in conflict with the ballot vote that ensures access to marijuana treatment centers.

"This legislative purpose could not be served if a municipality could prohibit treatment centers within its borders, for if one municipality could do so, we see no principled basis on which every other municipality could not do the same," Coakley wrote.

"The question is whether the legislative purpose of reasonable access to treatment centers could be achieved if every municipality banned them."

State health officials are currently working on a draft of regulations to oversee the dispensaries. The law allows for up to 35 dispensaries in the state, with at least one in each county and no more than five in one county.

Despite the decision not allowing an outright ban, Coakley's office did approve a bylaw by the town of Burlington that temporarily banned the centers while the town reviews its zoning regulations. That temporary ban was put in place until June 2014.

"The temporary moratorium is consistent with the town's authority to impose reasonable time limitations on development while it conducts planning studies and considers the implication of the state Department of Public Health regulations concerning such centers," according to Coakley's office.

Coakley's office also ruled that cities and towns can enact zoning bylaws to regulate the dispensaries within the town's borders.

The attorney general's office reviews all bylaws adopted or amended by a city or town.

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**New regulations due soon**

**The Department of Public Health has been working for months on drafting rules that will regulate the marijuana treatment centers.**

- A state health official said yesterday that draft regulations will be submitted on March 29, according to the Globe.
- The Public Health Council will then have to approve the regulations before they become laws.

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## In the news

### Man rescued after being stuck under Orange Line train

**BOSTON.** A man who transit officials described as a trespasser was rescued from beneath an Orange Line train yesterday after becoming trapped for more than an hour.

The victim, who was not identified, was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to Jennifer Mehigan, a spokeswoman for Boston Emergency Medical Services. The man became trapped around 2 p.m.

MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said it was unclear how the man came to be stuck under the train. Orange Line service was shut down between Back Bay and North Station until about 4 p.m. **METRO**

### See a pothole? Tweet about it

**BOSTON.** City officials yesterday launched "SpotHoles," a two-week campaign that asks residents to report potholes. Social media users can attach the hashtag #spotholes when tweeting @NotifyBoston. The public can monitor the city's progress on the Boston@Work Tumblr. The site will feature a tally of potholes filled during the two-week campaign, a map of all open and closed pothole cases, and pothole-themed images and art.

In addition to Twitter, residents can also report potholes by calling the mayor's 24-hour hotline with the address of the pothole; submitting a photo with the Citizens Connect app, which automatically locates the pothole; and filing a request on the city's website. **METRO**

# Boston, 'Meet Your Match' on local public-access television

When mixers, wingmen and Craigslist all fail, a new local dating game show has got your back.

"Meet Your Match TV" debuts tonight on public access, offering Boston singles a unique, albeit very public way, to score a date.

Show host Melysha Acharya, owner of BrokenHeartedGirl.com and self proclaimed "breakup recovery guru," describes the show as "'The Dating Game' with a twist."

"As a single person, I know how hard it is to meet people in Boston, so I wanted to offer an alternative to that scene," Acharya said.

The contestants — "suitors" and "suitorettes" — are separated by a partition and ask each other questions, like, "How far would you go on a first date?" and "What's your idea of a perfect night?"

At the end of the game, contestants meet the most compatible matches and receive date-night gift cards.

MEET YOUR MATCH TV

▶ Jessie Pearce, left, and two of his teammates from the Boston 13's Rugby League were among the first contestants on the show.

**"I went on [the show] with a couple of teammates; we were really competitive."**
**PEARCE, ABOVE LEFT**

Singles who don't win a date are invited to the next filming, and viewers can connect with the "unwanted" contestants through MeetYourMatch.tv, which also doubles as a dating website. The show started filming in January, but according to producer Matt Smith, it's been tough getting singles to sign up.

"Hopefully once we start airing episodes we'll get more people to come on the show," Smith said.

Twenty-one-year-old rugby player Jessie Pearce was one of the first contestants to win a date, although it didn't end up working out with the suitorette, who Pearce described as "a very nice girl but not really my type."

"I went on [the show] with a couple teammates; we were really competitive," he said. "I feel like it's an easy way to meet someone." The show airs at tonight at 11 p.m. on BNN in Boston, which reaches more than 600,000 homes in the Boston area. Episodes will also be available on MeetYourMatch.tv.

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10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116
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**Directions:** Take the Green or Silver Line to Boylston Station, the Orange Line to New England Medical Center, or Bus 43 or 55.

MBTA public comment period started on March 7, 2013 and ends on March 30, 2013. The FY14 – FY18 Draft CIP is available at www.mbta.com. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, but would like to comment, send us an email at cipinfo@mbta.com or write to us at: MBTA Budget Office, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116.

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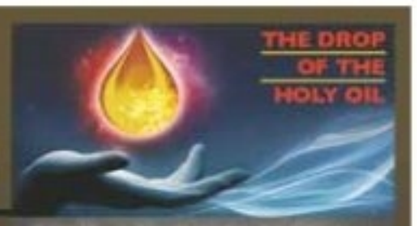

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# New pope's first few days

**Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina is first ever pontiff from Latin America • Pope Francis I to spend two days giving thanks • Papal pick surprised many**

The white smoke has risen, "Habemus Papam!" has been uttered and Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, Pope Francis I, has given his first "Urbi et Orbi" blessing as the first ever Latin American pontiff. But more formalities are to come in the first few days in Francis' papacy.

For his first two days as pontiff, Francis will offer thanks.

This morning, he will celebrate Mass in the Sistine Chapel with the cardinals who elected him.

He will then spend time at the Apostolic Palace (the pope's residence) answering congratulatory telegrams from heads of state and other world leaders.

This is an opportunity to renew dialogue and good relations with leaders of other faiths.

"I trust in the help of the Almighty to continue and to strengthen the dialogue and collaboration with the sons and daughters of the Jewish people," Pope Benedict XVI wrote in response to Rome's chief rabbi's telegram. Francis will then stage a brief audience with journalists.

Benedict XVI did so four days after becoming pope, thanking 4,000-plus members of the media for covering the papal conclave.

**Anthony Johnston**
METRO WORLD NEWS

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▶ Newly elected Pope Francis I appears on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

## What's in a pope's face?

The election victory of Jorge Mario Bergoglio took many by surprise, including psychology professor Peter M. Vishton, who created a system to determine the winner based on facial features. The College of William and Mary professor polled hundreds and found that the Argentine "was an outlier, as he scored below median on our measures of attractiveness, trustworthiness and healthiness." The system predicted Boston Archbishop Sean O'Malley would be the next pope, but Bergoglio scored highly on "likeliness of winning." "He just looked the part," said Vishton, who added that the newly crowned pontiff's expression showed warmth and humility in his opening speech.

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## Formalities to come

Francis' formal installation as pope will come at his inaugural Mass, normally held four to five days after the election in order to accommodate political and religious leaders from across the world. During the Mass, Francis will receive the symbols of his office: the Fisherman's Ring and a pallium, a sash made of lamb's wool that represents the pope's role as the shepherd of his flock, the faithful.

## Frank look at Francis

**Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the first ever pontiff from the Americas, is a low-key intellectual who rides the bus and visits the poor.**

- Widely overlooked as a contender prior to this year's conclave, the 76-year-old Jesuit and archbishop of Buenos Aires was reportedly a close second when Benedict XVI was elected in April 2005.
- By nature a humble man but one caring of the destitute, Bergoglio has been a strong advocate of liberation theology, the new Christian movement that promotes church teachings to help the poor and oppressed — a policy very popular in Latin America, but frowned upon by Vatican conservatives. In the 1980s, Pope Benedict XVI called it a "a singular heresy."
- He has been critical of Argentina's decision to legalize gay marriage in 2010 and President Cristina Kirchner's efforts to free contraception and artificial insemination.
- His résumé is not without controversy. In 2005, he was accused of conspiring with the 1970s military dictatorship to kidnap two Jesuits, but no evidence was found to verify the claim.

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**Meredith Engel's** take on the world of gossip @meredithatmetro meredith.engel@metro.us

– *Dorothy Robinson will return March 20.*

## Gaga recovers from surgery in custom gold wheelchair because, really, why not?

Did you really expect **Lady Gaga** to recuperate from her recent hip surgery in a boring wheelchair fit for plebeians? After all, this is Mother Monster, a woman who likes wearing **Kermit the Frog** puppets. So, she enlisted the help of designer Ken Borochov to create a custom 24-karat gold wheelchair, according to E! News. The chair features a reclining leather seat (because all that time sitting is certainly exhausting), stylin' spokes (in case she wants to go for a spin down the L.A. Freeway) and a canopy (too much sunlight is never good for a Lady of her stature).

We hope Gaga donates her wheelchair to the local old folks' home when she's done with it. Lord knows Betty Ann in 3C could use a little sunshine in her life.

**Quoted**

**"I certainly wasn't expecting that phone call and have never done a wheelchair, but am always up for a challenge and was thrilled to create what I affectionately dubbed The Chariot, a chair fit only for a queen."**

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**Hot.** Shot

▶ OK Abby Lee, you have our attention.

IN TOUCH WEEKLY

**In the new In Touch Weekly, "Dance Moms" matriarch Abby Lee Miller swears she's not the monster she's portrayed to be on TV, despite this terrifying "Black Swan"-esque picture to the contrary. "I'm a schoolgirl at heart," she says. "There's still an innocence to me. I've done a lot of nice things for my girls. I take them to dinners, to movies, to Broadway shows. Most of my kids, over the years, have never seen a plane or been to a five-star hotel. I teach them which fork to use and things they won't learn in school."**

### Kim Kardashian: Once more, with feeling

If you saw the "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" episode when **Kris Humphries** proposed to **Kim** and thought to yourself, "My, what a perfect proposal," know that it was all for the cameras. Life & Style claims they've got the court documents from "Keeping Up" producer **Russell Jay**'s deposition on Feb. 4 in the ongoing case to determine whether Kim and Kris' union should be annulled. Get a load of this transcription:

**Q: More than once, you would film a scene and then have [it] be reshot?**
**A:** I remember, like, Kim — she didn't know that he was going to propose at that moment. And she came in and she was completely surprised, and I think she had a bad reaction or something and she was embarrassed. So she said "Can we just, like, have me come back in one more time and be, like, really surprised?" Because she had no idea it was going to happen. It was in her bedroom.

Kim, better start practicing those giving-birth faces now. You've only got one chance to get that shot right.

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**The feed ...**

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Sylvester Stallone has some bad news about "Expendables 3," Kirstie Alley is fine with profanity, Rebel Wilson is keeping it real and Charlie Sheen is ... using Twitter.

**@TheSlyStallone**
No S. Seagal, sorry, but maybe we get lucky with J. Chan! And some young bloods!!!

**@kirstiealley**
Oh who cares if we swear ?? They are just words ... just letters arranged in a fashion to sound tough or cool or angry.

**@RebelWilson**
I'm not too famous to eat crumbs off my chest x

**@charliesheen**
hashtag chefkla hashtag winning hashtag grinning hashtag keptyourjob hashtag bravo hashtag breakfast

Stallone

**Talking points**

### Divorce has been good for TomKat

Apparently getting divorced was the best thing to happen to **Tom Cruise** and **Katie Holmes**, at least according to director **Adam Shankman**, who is friends with both. Shankman tells Us Weekly that since the couple's split last summer, the two are doing just swell. "They are incredibly happy," Shankman says. "I've just been emailing with him. He's coming back. He's shooting in London and seems as happy as a clam. I know he sees his daughter." As for Holmes? "Katie seems really happy," Shankman adds. "You just fight through all the noise. And it's noisy!"

### Swift's fan mail goes in the trash

**Taylor Swift** may find herself with fewer adoring fans once they find out their letters and cards to the country crooner have been ending up in the trash. Nashville resident **Kaylee Francescan** discovered a mass of Swift fan mail in a dumpster, she tells local station WKRN. "There were like hundreds of letters in there to Taylor Swift and I'm like, 'Oh my gosh!' I didn't know if they were stolen [or] discarded, so I threw them in a box," she says. "And I'm like, 'Somebody needs to let Taylor know.' It did bother me [because] I know how much her fans mean to her."

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# 80 degrees and a chance of rocking

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▶ Hurray for the Riff Raff will elicit hurrays from you.

**▶ The first night of SXSW provides surprises, disappointments and big crowds of music lovers ▶ Hurray for the Riff Raff and Indians are highlights**

SXSW

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The freaks and the fashionable parade the streets from noon until morning in Austin, Texas. I joined the masses of SXSW revelers on Tuesday looking for something new, and I quickly found it. Making my way to Paste Magazine/Newport Folk Festival's showcase, I arrived just in time to see the start of **Hurray for the Riff Raff**'s set. The female duo from New Orleans played a riveting, stripped-down set of country-tinged blues, combining cover songs by Billie Holiday and Fred Neil with a slew of originals. Alternating between acoustic guitar and banjo, backed by a fiddle and the occasional toy piano, their set seemed perfectly at home on the front patio of the rickety old house now known as the Blackheart Bar. They make their debut at the Newport Folk Festival this year and they found out just hours before their set they'll be opening for the Alabama Shakes' upcoming tour.

▶ Indians include more keyboards than people, but the result is somewhat stunning.

From there it was on to Viceland to catch the **Skaters**' Austin debut. The buzz around them, combined with sharing a bill with **Waaves** and **Japandroids**, created a line of about 2,000 people that snaked around the block. This was the first show I missed out on, and I hope it's my last.

After watching a few songs from the street, I decided to make better use of my time and headed over to the Mohawk to hear the Danish band **Indians**. A three-piece consisting of more keyboards than people, the band layers loops, Moog synthesizers and a brain-rattling drum pad to create dreamy, slightly dancy music.

Looking for some more traditional rock 'n' roll, I drifted off to The North Door to catch **VietNam**. After taking the past five years off, Michael Gerner and Co. are back with a new six-piece lineup and a recent record, but their sound remains the same. It has dark, lengthy and often druggy narratives, delivered without traditional verse/chorus structure and set against a heavy shimmer of blues guitar riffs.

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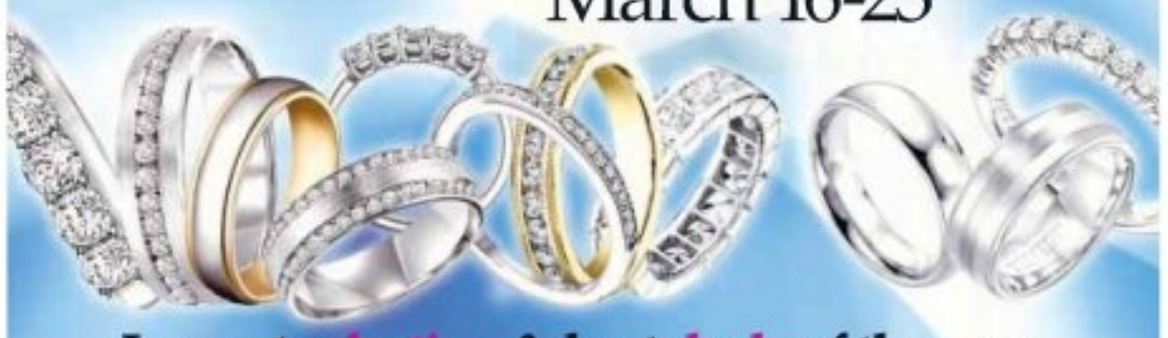

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# 10 REASONS TO SEE A MOVIE

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▶ Steve Carell, left, plays a flamboyant magician with chains, opposite Olivia Wilde, in "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone."

**Must-see**

**1 'The Incredible Burt Wonderstone'**
The obscure underdog that opened the SXSW Film Festival stars someone named Steve Carell, up-and-comer Steve Buscemi and, if we're seeing this right, an actor called Jim Carrey. The three are dueling magicians in a film that's probably just like "The Prestige."

**2 'The Call'**
Oscar-winner Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin (one of the youngest-ever Oscar nominees, now 16) and Morris Chestnut star in a thriller about a 911 operator who fields a call from an abducted girl. Brad Anderson ("The Machinist") directs.

**3 'Upside Down'**
This $50 million European production stars Jim Sturgess and Kirsten Dunst as star-crossed lovers who live on opposites sides of a planet with double gravity. There's also something about "the secret of the pink bees."

**4 'Like Someone in Love'**
Iranian filmmaker Abbas Kiarostami ("Certified Copy") travels to Tokyo to make this mordant portrait of miscommunication amongst a cell phone-addicted prostitute, her elderly john and her oblivious fiance.

**5 'West of Memphis'**
If you don't have seven hours to spare to watch Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky's "Paradise Lost" docs — on the now-freed West Memphis Three — you can do it in two and a half hours with this summary doc, which boasts producer Peter Jackson.

**6 'Oz the Great and Powerful'**
In order to avoid a repeat of 1985's "Return to Oz," which terrified kids (or at least parents) into dismal returns, Disney has hired the guy who made three "Evil Dead" movies. Sam Raimi directs this prequel starring everyone's idea of an old-timey actor: mumbling stoner James Franco.

**7 'Dead Man Down'**
Noomi Rapace and her original "Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" director, Niels Arden Oplev, reunite in America for this ridiculous revenge saga, in which Colin Farrell hatches a hilariously convoluted scheme to kill a crime lord (Terrence Howard) who snuffed his family. It co-stars Isabelle Huppert!

**8 'No'**
In this rollicking Chilean docu-dramedy, Gael Garcia Bernal plays an ad whiz hired to head the campaign to oust monstrous dictator Augusto Pinochet from power. Spoiler: It worked!

**9 'Yossi'**
Israeli filmmaker Eytan Fox makes a sequel to his 2002 breakthrough, "Yossi & Jagger." It follows the Yossi (Ohad Knoller), who's still reeling from his partner's death as he finds new love with a soldier.

**10 'Lore'**
With "Somersault," Aussie filmmaker Cate Shortland introduced the world to Abbie Cornish and Sam Worthington. Will fame and James Cameron pictures happen to her new star, Saskia Rosendahl, cast as a young woman in post-Nazi Germany?

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## TV watch list

### 'Braxton Family Values'

**REALITY.** This diva-filled show finds Toni Braxton and her clan vacationing in Italy. Rest assured that the notion of "when in Rome" is probably a bit too bland for these siblings. **Season premiere, 9 p.m., WE**

### 'The Vampire Diaries'

**DRAMA.** Elena rejoins the cheerleading squad and then gets into a fight at her own party. In other words, this is like "Bring It On: Goth Edition." **8 p.m., The CW**

### 'The Office'

**COMEDY.** This Dwight-centric episode is all about the Schrute family farm, where beets grow, zaniness ensues and a flailing network show attempts to redeem itself. **9 p.m., NBC**

### 'Kathy'

**TALK SHOW.** Kathy Griffin welcomes one of the funniest celebrity couples alive, Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman, as well as Michelle Trachtenberg. **11:30 p.m., Bravo**

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▶ The Braxtons demonstrate "Braxton Family Values."

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# Dating after divorce: Can you start afresh?

The tabloids are speculating about Kris and Bruce Jenner: Are they headed for divorce? If so, then they would each eventually join the legions of people who have had to start over. Dating after a divorce can be challenging, whether you are in the public eye or not. Two simple rules of thumb can help you push forward into new romantic territory.

First, avoid comparing the person you are dating to your ex. While it is tempting to measure them for better or worse against your former partner, the real goal is to focus on how they make you feel about yourself when you're with them. Evaluating them based on how you felt about your ex rather than on who they are means you will wind up either regretting what you lost or angry about what you missed out on all those years. That will mire you in the negativity of your former marriage — keeping the pain and loss of divorce alive — instead of letting go and moving on with a new flame. Stay focused on building a new relationship and leave your past where it belongs — behind you.

▶ If Kris and Bruce Jenner split, they should let go of the anger and move on with positivity.

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Second, avoid badmouthing your ex — especially to the person you are dating. This is a difficult one, because most people come away from divorce angry about what went wrong and wanting to talk about it. Be mindful about who you vent to: Blaming and criticizing could scare off your new partner. They could wonder what you might say about them if they did something to upset you. There are two sides to every story, so as much as possible try to present a balanced picture when you are speaking about your former marriage.

Whether you are famous or not, when dealing with the aftermath of divorce this old adage can be helpful: If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all. When you talk negatively, you keep bad feelings alive. When you talk positively, you put them to rest. The ultimate goal is to get on with your new life in a better place for what you gained from your old one.

Keep these rules in mind and you will be equipped to leave the past in its place and move on with your exciting new dating life.

*— Relationship expert* **Dr. Jane Greer** *is creator of* ***"Shrink Wrap"*** *– national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of* ***"Let's Talk Sex"*** *at* ***Healthylife.net.*** *Her book,* ***"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"*** *is available nationwide.*

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## Letters

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### Thumbing noses at Constitution knows no party bounds

**RE: "JUST DRONING ON" (METRO, MARCH 8)** I was in full agreement of columnist Tom Foreman's column until I read his description of Democrats as "not giving a damn about the Constitution." I'm not much of a Democrat myself, but I find this label to be extremely hypocritical. I mean, really? The cornerstone of this country's Constitution is that every citizen, whether rich, poor, blue or satanic has the right to vote. Where do Republicans stand on this issue? Passing new voting laws during an election and arguing that the Voting Right's Act is now obsolete because some how racism no longer exists. It's absolutely outrageous that any Republican can take such a moral high ground while the GOP's mainstream face is ridden with incompetent blemishes like SCOTUS Justice Scalia and Florida Gov. Rick Scott.

**JEAN CHARLES, VIA E-MAIL**

### 'Sequester' hot potato started with the president

I get very irritated when I read Metro letter writers talking through thin air. A recent letter writer didn't know where the sequester was from and simply called it "a Republican demand" when actually the reality is that the Republicans are actually blameless this time around. The idea for sequestration began inside the Obama White House in July 2011 when the president thought "sequester' would actually prevent further gridlock and fiscal cliffs. That summer a vast majority of Democrats in the U.S. Senate joined their Republican members in overwhelmingly support the sequester idea — and over in the U.S. House, 79 Democrats joined in with the Republican majority and after signed by President Obama, became law.

I don't believe either side thought the Gramm-Rudman-style sequester would ever come to pass, but as we see, it did. All assumed that the very idea of across-the-board discretionary spending cuts would bring Capitol Hill to their collective senses. However, it is President Obama who is in reality the father of sequestration and not the GOP. Both parties are responsible for the inaction, but sequester was a Democratic idea. **SAL GIARRATANI, VIA E-MAIL**

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### Drone strikes reveal double standard

President Bush was blasted by the liberal media and Democrats for using waterboarding and torture techniques on terrorists. Even a young Sen. Obama was against using torture on terrorists. However, as president, the story changes: "Why torture terrorists when we can kill them?" Drones are a great way to kill terrorists. We can even use drones on our own citizens. I haven't heard any outrage from Obama's beloved worshipers. Some liberals get more upset over a Nativity scene on public property than losing their Constitutional rights with drone strikes. The Democrats would've demanded Bush's impeachment if he tried to get away with such an atrocity.

**JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, VIA E-MAIL**

## Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You'll have a commanding presence about you that others will find quite attractive. To your credit, you'll know how to assert yourself without offending anybody in the process.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Something out of the ordinary might result from an unexpected chain of events. Chances are it will open up a new pipeline that can produce some quality gains.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't be surprised if you sense that something good is about to happen, even if you don't know the circumstances. Let positive thinking light the fuse of this exciting cycle.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Although you'll get some brilliant ideas, they must not be executed prematurely if you want them to work. Don't allow impulsiveness to distort your timing.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Treat the day's happenings philosophically and you'll be able to make molehills out of mountains. Adopting an easy-going attitude will inspire others to act likewise.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You're likely to have a slight edge over your competitors. Your ace in the hole will be a reserve of resources, both material and mental, upon which you can easily draw.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Upon occasion, you can be rigid and inflexible when it comes to your views. Today, however, you could surprise everybody with your open-minded nature.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Take matters into your own hands regarding something that you want changed. If it's not happening on its own, make the transformation yourself.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** The key to getting along with others is being cooperative. You'll have to set the example — only then will others treat you as you wish to be treated.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You should take pride in your work, regardless of its significance. Additionally, performing to the best of your ability will greatly enhance your self-esteem.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19**. Because you're not apt to take yourself or events too seriously, smooth sailing is indicated. You are less likely to be broadsided when you stop worrying about your ego.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** The aspects are extremely favorable for you where things of a material nature are concerned. Some financial opportunities will most likely develop from at least two different sources. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

**Across**
1 Be an omen
5 Reddish horses
10 Fermi split it
14 Get — it
15 Spring month
16 Bard's villain
17 Elephant owner, maybe
18 Spread sand or salt
19 Little creek
20 Bouncy
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24 Help-wanted abbr.
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26 Trip
30 Long-eared dogs
34 WWW addresses
35 Blackball
37 Vaccines
38 Noise
39 Judicial order
40 Lion's quarry
41 Spur on
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45 Plunder
46 Naval officers
48 Rhine nymph
50 — Paulo, Brazil
51 Take a snooze
52 Powerful family
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63 Hollow
64 Squeeze oranges
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68 Tears apart
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**Down**
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23 Santa — winds
26 Estimate
27 Easy-to-find constellation
28 Humerus neighbors
29 Safecrackers
30 Hard roll
31 Copier setting
32 Tennessee — Ford
33 Riyadh resident
36 Outlaw
42 Wins over
43 Not the same
44 Piano pieces
45 Improved the highways
47 You can step on it
49 Oversaw
52 Blowgun projectile
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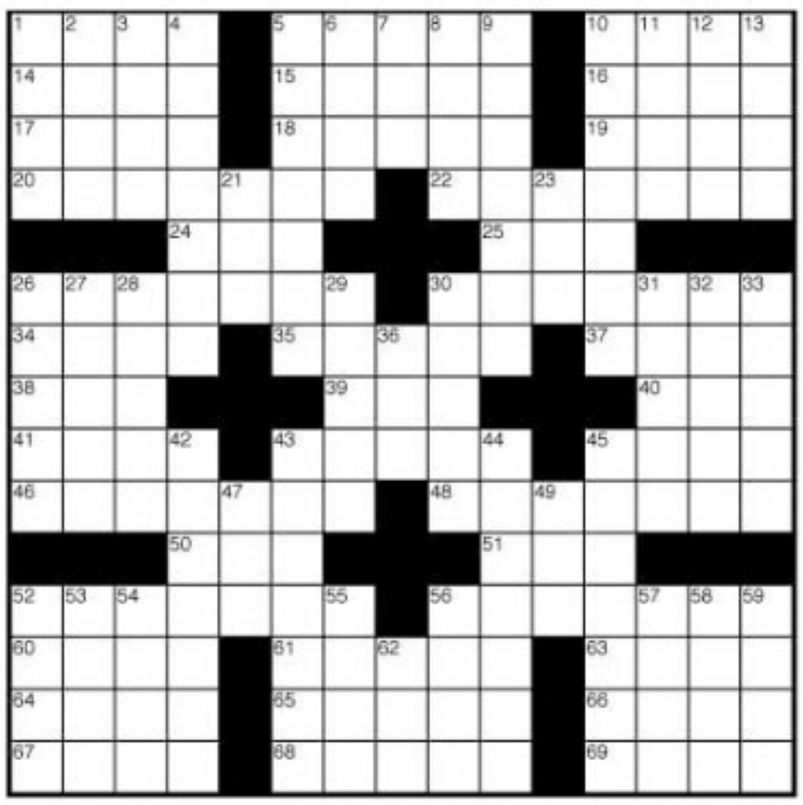

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# A good Olde St. Patrick's Day feast

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Nosh On

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Traditional Irish food is touted all over town right now, but what is that? Is it bangers and mash? That sounds more Cockney. Is it shepherd's pie? That's made all over Britain. Or is it corned beef and cabbage? And what did the Irish eat before potatoes were introduced in the 1700s? Ireland is an island, so shellfish and fish feature prominently, as does — or did — the use of nutritious carrageen moss and dulse: i.e., seaweed.

At Olde Magoun's Saloon in Somerville, there's no seaweed, but the potato plays a big part of a special Irish menu this weekend. This great staple marries with leek in a wintry soup and, as potato colcannon, it's more than a side in a boiled bacon dinner — it's the star.

Colcannon is an Irish dish of potato, cooked with kale or cabbage and creamed with butter and milk. Unlike pop, bubble and squeak (an English mix of potato, cabbage and peas), colcannon isn't made with leftovers, but cooked up fresh and finished with parsley.

Another St. Paddy's Day dish is a sandwich of chunky-cut corned beef on a soft brioche roll — buttered, of course. Corning, or curing beef with salt, is perhaps, like the potato, a relatively new concept.

It's grim that a classic dish with lamb in it would be called shepherd's pie. What shepherd would do such a thing to his flock? Magoun's version, with gamey braised lamb topped with super-smooth mashed tatties, may help you understand why.

It's also worth noting that all of Magoun's dishes go well with a pint or two. Slainte!

ERIN BALDASSARI/METRO

▶ Magoun's St. Paddy's Day menu is available Friday to Sunday, alongside the regular menu, which patrons Shawn Churchill and Sarah Westervelt seem to be enjoying.

**Adding a twist**

### Ireland ... via India?

Irish chicken curry? Really? Olde Magoun's mildly spiced "traditional" Irish chicken curry may not be authentic, but it's a great bar bite.

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### GOING OUT

**Circus Sock Hop**
**Saturday, 8 p.m.**
**AirCraft Aerial Arts**
**14 Tyler St., Somerville**
**Free, info@aircraftaerialarts.com**
**www.aircraftaerialarts.com**
Local circus troupe AirCraft Aerial Arts is opening up their gymnasium for an old-school sock hop dance night. In between boogie sessions, they'll do a few acrobatic stunts for the crowd. That wasn't exactly common at sock hops in the past, but circus stunts are fun to watch.

### MOVIES

**'In the Realms of the Unreal'**
**Friday, 6 p.m.**
**Paramount Center**
**559 Washington St., Boston**
**$5-$10, 617-824-8400**
**www.artsemerson.org**
This documentary by Jessica Yu tells the story of Henry Darger, an eccentric mid-20th century Chicago loner who spent all of his spare time working on an interminable fantasy novel and its accompanying illustrations. The novel is incomprehensible, but the art is something else — pathetic and more than a little creepy, but also glorious and heartbreaking.

### THEATER

**'Our Country's Good' and 'The Recruiting Officer'**
**Friday through April 6**
**Charlestown Working Theater**
**442 Bunker Hill St., Charlestown**
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**www.whistlerinthedark.com**
The Charlestown Working Theater lets you pay what you want for tickets this time (see website for details). "Our Country's Good" follows a young military officer as he attempts to stage Australia's first play — when it was still a penal colony — with only convicts to work with. A bonus: CWT will also perform the play-within-the-play, "The Recruiting Officer."

**'Dead Man Walking'**
**Friday through Monday**
**Somerville Theatre**
**55 Davis Square, Somerville**
**$15-$25, 617-625-5700**
**www.bostonoperacollaborative.org**
The Boston Opera Collaborative presents this work by Jake Heggie, based on the book by Sister Helen Prejean, which details the nun's experiences with an inmate on death row who claimed to be innocent. The story demands that we account for our own idea of justice: Is it based on vengeful eye-for-an-eye mentality or a desire for truth?

### Dance

**Nora Chipaumire**
**Friday and Saturday**
**Institute of Contemporary Art**
**100 Northern Ave., Boston**
**$10-$20, 617-478-3103**
**www.icaboston.org**
This Zimbabwe-born dancer/choreographer will perform an original piece called "Miriam," which draws on her own journey out of her native land, playing on the dichotomies she faced along the way. Actor/dancer Okwui Okpokwasili accompanies her as a mysterious, supernatural figure, alternately angelic and demonic. The audience sits in a circle around the performers, invoking the sense of scrutiny outsiders experience.

OLIVER CLAUSSE

▶ Catch Nora Chipaumire at the ICA this weekend.

### COMEDY

**Robert Kelly**
**Friday, 7:30 p.m.**
**The Wilbur Theatre**
**246 Tremont St., Boston**
**$31, 800-754-3000**
**www.ticketmaster.com**
Boston comedian Robert Kelly is Irish by background, but he can easily pass for Latino. Perhaps this racial fake-out has given him a taste for contrarianism. When he gets to the standard comedian fodder of male and female differences, for instance, he presents a welcome twist — it's men who are emotional, he says, and women who use their brains.

### MUSEUMS

**'Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land'**
**Through May 24**
**Massachusetts Historical Society**
**1154 Boylston St., Boston**
**Free, 617-536-1608**
**www.masshist.org**
One of the Bay State's prouder historical claims is its status as a hotbed for abolitionism. This exhibit examines the movement in Massachusetts between 1831 and 1865, particularly the tireless contributions of the fiery William Lloyd Garrison, a key figure who's often forgotten. The tension between abolitionists and unsympathetic Northerners (also often forgotten today) is explored as well.

MATTHEW DINARO

### Art

▶ Ron Cowie's "Ulysses"

**The Doors of Perception**
**Through March 23**
**Photographic Resource Center**
**832 Comm. Ave., Boston**
**Free, 617-975-0600**
**www.bu.edu/prc**
"If the doors of perception were cleansed," wrote William Blake, "every thing would appear to man as it is, infinite." Aldous Huxley famously associated this quote with psychedelic drugs, but Blake's intention was philosophical and artistic. He might have liked this photographic exhibition, in which featured artists use alternative processes — new and old — to uncover additional dimensions of meaning in their work.

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**▶ Relient K**
**May 7**
**Royale**
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**▶ Professor Blastoff Live**
**May 8**
**The Sinclair**
(On sale Friday)

▶ Philip Bailey of Earth Wind & Fire

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**▶ Earth Wind & Fire**
**June 5**
**Bank of America Pavilion**
(On sale Saturday)

**▶ Torche**
**June 10**
**The Sinclair**
(On sale Friday)

▶ Rascal Flatts

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**▶ Rascal Flatts**
**Live and Loud Tour**
**With the Band Perry**
**June 14**
**Comcast Center**
(On sale Friday)

**▶ O.A.R.**
**The Sounds of Summer Tour**
**with Andrew McMahon, Allen Stone**
**July 27**
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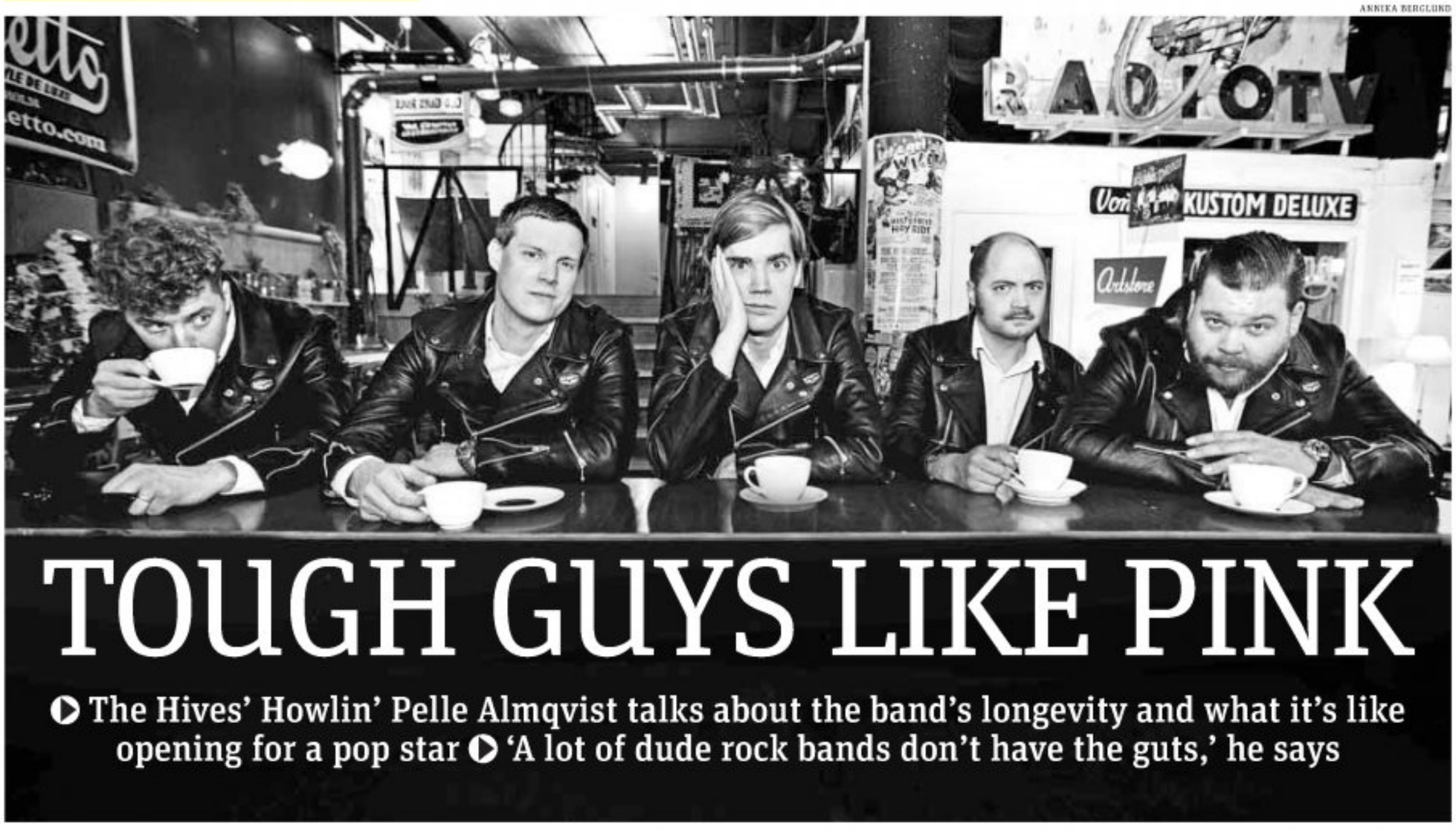


# TOUGH GUYS LIKE PINK

**The Hives' Howlin' Pelle Almqvist talks about the band's longevity and what it's like opening for a pop star ◐ 'A lot of dude rock bands don't have the guts,' he says**

If anyone can get Pink's party started, it's the Hives. The Swedish punk upstarts are opening her first full North American tour in three years, and after only a handful of dates, Pink's already warming their hearts as well as the rest of their bodies.

"Sweden has been so cold lately and we were on tour recently. I'm sick of Sweden in the winter, really," says Hives singer Howlin' Pelle Almqvist. "We did our own show in Austin, too. On these big arena tours, they don't play every day, and we try and play every day when we're on the road. We like to play every day and take our days off at home. So, we added a bunch of our own shows."

It's all part of the same plan though: to promote their fifth album, "Lex Hives," and celebrate the band's 20th anniversary.

"Twenty years ago, we were 13 at the time. But the cool thing is that in two years we will have been a band longer than the Ramones," says Almqvist. "That's spectacular! I've been in this band more than half my life."

So, what do Pink's fans think of the Hives?

"It starts with some kind of bewilderment and maybe a tinge of fear," Almqvist deadpans. "But that turns into excitement. A lot of them haven't seen live rock 'n' roll before, like a band playing their instruments. I feel we are doing good cultural work. It's pretty good of Pink to bring us along. A lot of dude rock bands don't have the guts and would be frightened."

**Linda Laban**
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### Replay value

Almqvist figures the Hives' longevity is due to less being more: "We really want to be happy with each album. It's a big undertaking; it would be hard to make another if you didn't like the last one. You have to be proud of what you do in order to continue. A Hives record — because they don't come that often — it's not something you throw away. You need to listen a couple of times because it's going to be a long time before the next one."

**Quoted**

**"In two years we will have been a band longer than the Ramones. That's spectacular!"**

HOWLIN' PELLE ALMQVIST

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## Also playing

**Balkan Beat Box**
**Tonight, 8 p.m.**
**The Paradise**
**967 Comm. Ave., Boston**
**$17, 18+, 800-745-3000**
**www.ticketmaster.com**
Everyone claims to have a unique sound, but Balkan Beat Box really does — the Israeli-American group mixes Middle Eastern music, gypsy punk, dub, hip-hop, electronica and, of course, Balkan music into their trippy, never-know-what-they're-gonna-do-next style. Frequent feature acts on their recording increase the diversity. Globalism has its drawbacks, but if it leads to music this good, it can't be all bad.

JASON MERRITT/FILMMAGIC

▶ Viva globalism! It's Balkan Beat Box!

**Ana Moura**
**Saturday, 8 p.m.**
**Berklee Performance Center**
**136 Mass. Ave., Boston**
**$28-$37, 617-876-4275**
**www.worldmusic.org**
This Portuguese singer is one of the leading modern exponents of Portuguese fado music, and, like all great artists, she has a hold on innovation as much as tradition. Fado, which translates as "fate," is similar to the blues, both in its working-class roots and its focus on the dark side of life, which Moura conveys with charisma and pathos. ● MATTHEW DINARO

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**In the news**

**Report: Patriots agree to deal with Amendola**

The Patriots reached an agreement with former Rams slot receiver Danny Amendola Wednesday night for a reported deal of $31 million over five years, according to NFL Network. The deal averages out to be $6.1 million per year. Wes Welker received $6 million per year from the Broncos, according to reports.

Amendola had his best season with St. Louis in 2010 when he caught 85 balls for 689 yards and three touchdowns. The 27-year-old also posted 1,618 yards in kick return yardage in 2009 with St. Louis.

BOSTON GLOBE

▶ Bill Belichick, left, must act fact if he wants Patriots fans to forget about Wes Welker.

# URGENT REBUTTAL NEEDED

## ◗ Wes Welker bolts to Denver ◗ Receiver was one of most productive players in NFL history during time with Patriots ◗ Signing Danny Amendola a nice first step, but more is needed

**Opinion**

When Tom Brady re-signed with the Patriots for a bargain basement deal last month, it was widely believed that the team would turn around and spend that extra cash on a player who could elevate the team's current status as one of the handful of best teams in the NFL to a surefire Super Bowl favorite.

As of Wednesday night, the Patriots haven't followed through on their end of the perceived bargain. That could certainly still change at any hour, but until that happens the Patriots will rightfully be blasted in the media and by fans for letting the most productive receiver in the history of the franchise bolt town. In case you haven't heard, Wes Welker agreed to a two-year, $12 million deal yesterday to join rival Peyton Manning and the Broncos in Denver.

According to several reports, Bill Belichick and the Pats' brass didn't work all that hard to keep No. 83 in Foxboro. Albert Breer, of NFL Network, tweeted moments after news of Welker's departure broke: "My understanding is the Patriots' final and only recent offer was $10M over two years with incentives. Didn't make a big effort to keep him."

Comcast New England's Tom E. Curran spoke with someone close to Tom Brady moments after the news broke and the source was "enraged" and used words such as "disgrace" and "disservice" regarding the contract details.

For months, both the anti-Welker and pro-Welker camps had great talking points throughout this whole "keep-him," "let-him-bolt" saga. Yes, he will be 32 years old when the 2013 season begins, and yes, in the Patriots' two most recent playoff losses, Welker had huge drops. Still, there has been next to nothing to suggest that Welker's ungodly production as the Pats' slot receiver would cease over the next few years. Welker had been Brady's security blanket since he was traded to New England from the Dolphins in 2007, and one could easily make the case that Welker was the best slot receiver in NFL history during his tenure with the Pats. There were five seasons with more than 110 catches here. No other player in NFL history has more than two seasons with that type of production.

But this whole contract thing with Welker was never really about production. He could have caught 300 balls last season and things wouldn't have changed much from the Patriots' perspective.

The bottom line is that they don't think Wes Welker is worth $12 million over two years. And, really, that should be fine with everyone … on one condition:

Spend that extra cash you've got laying around NOW. Not next summer when Brady will be closing in on 37 years of age. Not the summer after, when he'll be yet another year older. NOW, when the AFC is basically there for the taking. NOW, when Brady is in the first year of this final deal. NOW, when Rob Gronkowski and Hernandez are entering their primes. NOW, when the defense needs multiple, heady veterans to reach that next level.

The Patriots can still figure out a way to be, above and beyond, the Super Bowl favorite when camp begins in July. But make no mistake, for the Patriots' front office it's "show me" time. NOW.



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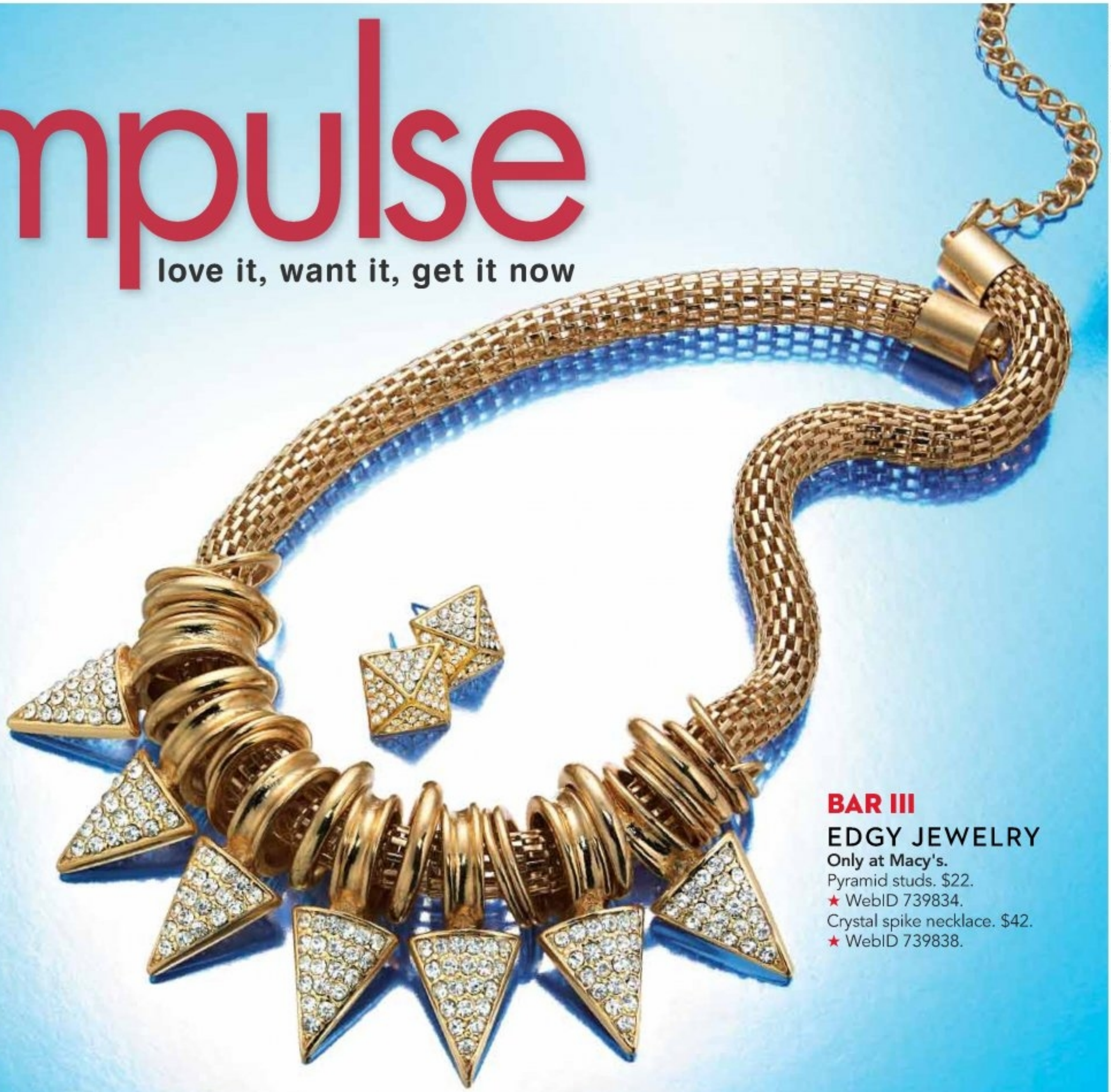

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